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SUBJECT: RENOVATION OF E-1/J-1

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I APPRECIATE YOUR MESSAGE CONCERNING THE RENOVATION OF E-1 AND
J-1 AND LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THIS WITH YOU NEXT WEEK.
IN MEANTIME YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. SPRAGUE TELLS ME THAT RUDY ASKED IF HE COULD GO TO E-1
AND J-1 TO MAKE SKETCHES. THAT WAS THE EXTENT OF THE CONSULTATION.
I CANNOT FIND THE 4 LO'S WHO CONSULTED WITH HIM, THEREFORE
CANNOT DETERMINE IF THEIR VIEWS COINCIDE WITH MINE.

2. IN MY VIEW INSULATED GLASS ON PORCHES WILL NOT CREATE A
SECURITY HAZARD. THESE SITES AS OPPOSED TO WATCH STATIONS
ARE CO-LOCATED WITH SIZABLE EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI MILITARY UNITS.
FURTHERMORE, THE BUILDINGS THEMSELVES PROVIDE NO PROTECTION
FROM WEAPONS FIRE. THE OBSERVATION CAPABILITIES AT SITES SHOULD
BE IMPROVED AND GLASS ENCLOSURES WOULD PROVIDE THIS IMPROVEMENT.
IF I AM WRONG THEN ENCLOSE THE PORCH WITH LEXIGUARD WHICH WILL
IMPROVE OBSERVATION AND PROVIDE PROTECTION.

3. IN ORDER TO IMPROVE SLEEPING AREAS THE BATHROOMS WILL
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HAVE TO BE MOVED FORWARD. THE ARRANGEMENT OF EQUIPMENT AND BUILT-
IN FURNITURE NEEDED TO HOUSE EQUIPMENT AND PROVIDE WORKING SPACE
MAY COST MORE THAN YOU THINK. WE CAN WORK WITH ESY HERE TO
ACCOMPLISH ANY PART OF PROJECT YOU SAY BUT IN ADDITION TO
INTERNAL CHANGES MENTIONED AND BUILT-IN WE WILL NEED TO
IMPROVE SUCH THINGS AS FLAT ROOF OVER PORCHES WHICH LEAK BADLY.

4. I DO NOT WANT EXCESSIVE SHUFFLING OF PAPERS, BUT IF WE ARE
GOING TO SPEND MONEY ON THESE SITES WE SHOULD ALL KNOW AND AGREE
WHAT WE ARE GETTING.
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